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SUBJ: KUWAIT AIR TO OMAN AND SOUTH YEMEN

SUMMARY: GOK OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF PROPOSED KUWAITI AID TO OMAN IN 1974-75 WOULD BE MODEST BEGINNING, ABOUT 1.7 MILLION DOLLARS, FOR FACILITIES SUCH AS SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS. OFFICIAL INDICATED GOK UNLIKELY INCREASE AID SIGNIFICANTLY UNTIL MORE "DEMOCRATIC" GOVERNMENT INSTITUTED AND "FOREIGN INTERVENTION" ENDED. END SUMMARY

1. DURING MEETING WITH EMBOFF ON JAN 29 AHMAD AL-SAQQAF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GENERAL BOARD FOR SOUTH ARABIA AND ARABIAN GULF, OUTLINED GOK ASSISTANCE THROUGH HIS ORGANIZATION TO SOUTH YEMEN AND OMAN ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

2. RE SOUTH YEMEN (PDRY), SAQQAF FOLLOWED USUAL GOK LINE THAT
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ARAB STATES MUST GIVE ASSISTANCE TO PDRY TO GIVE LATTER ALTER-

NATIVE TO RELIANCE ON SOVIET AND CHINESE ASSISTANCE AND POLICIES DICTATED BY THEM. HE ADMITTED HOWEVER, THAT TO DATE ARAB STATES HAD DONE LITTLE, ALTHOUGH KUWAIT HAD PROVIDED MODEST FUNDING FOR SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS DIRECTLY BENEFITTING THE PEOPLE. HE ADDED HOWEVER THAT EVEN THIS HAD GENERATED PROBLEMS SINCE PDRY NOW NEEDED TEACHERS AND BOOKS TO MAKE THE SCHOOLS USEABLE AND HAD PRESUMABLY ASKED KUWAIT TO SUPPLY THEM.

3. TURNING TO OMAN, SAQQAF CONFIRMED THAT GENERAL BOARD'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 74-75 WOULD CONTAIN ABOUT A HALF MILLION DINARS (ABOUT 1.7 MILLION DOLLARS) FOR ASSISTANCE TO OMAN IN PROJECTS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN PDRY, YAR AND BAHRAIN (IE SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, ETC). WHEN EMBOFF POINTED OUT IMPORTANCE OF ASSISTANCE TO OMAN AND NEED FOR MASSIVE HELP FROM ARAB COUNTRIES TO PREVENT SUBVERSIVE SITUATION IN DHOFAR FROM SPREADING THROUGH GULF AND ENDANGERING OTHER STATES, SAQQAF MENTIONED LIBYAN INTEREST ABOUT A YEAR AGO. HE SAID LIBYANS HAD BEEN WILLING IN PRINCIPLE TO HELP BUT IMMEDIATELY CHANGED THEIR MINDS WHEN THEY VISITED OMAN AND SAW INFLUENTIAL BRITISH PRESENCE THERE.

4. SAQQAF WENT ON TO STATE THAT KUWAIT, AND PRESUMABLY OTHER ARAB STATES, COULD NOT "ACCEPT" OMAN UNTIL IT CHANGED ITS GOVERNMENT. SAQQAF SAID THAT AN ABSOLUTE HEREDITARY MONARCHY WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE AND THAT, PERHAPS, IF THIS CHANGED TO SOME EXTENT E.G. IF THE SULTAN MADE SOME CONCESSIONS TO A DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT SUCH AS AN ADVISORY COUNCIL, KUWAIT ATTITUDE COULD ALSO CHANGE. ANOTHER FACTOR, HE ADDED, WAS THE SULTAN'S BRINGING IN IRANIAN FORCES WHO, HE SAID, COULD NOT BE ACCEPTED IN ARAB STATES.

4. COMMENT: LEFTIST MP'S ARE BEING KEPT WELL INFORMED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN OMAN, AND ANM WEEKLY PUBLICATION AL-TALI'AH HAS PUBLISHED FAIRLY ACCURATE INFO, PRESUMABLY GATHERED FROM PFLOAG SOURCES, ON ACTION OF IRANIAN FORCES THERE. IN ADDITION, THREE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTIES CALLED PRESS CONFERENCE JAN 7 DURING WHICH THEY CHARGED THAT OVER 1500 IRANIAN TROOPS HAD "INVADED" OMAN "UNDER THE GUISE OF HELPING THE SULTAN'S GOVERNMENT TO QUELL THE DHOFAR REBELLION", AND POSED A THREAT TO INTEGRITY OF ARABIAN PENINSULA IN GENERAL AND PDRY IN CONFIDENTIAL

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PARTICULAR. THUS GOK IS UNDER LEFTIST MP PRESSURE NOT TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN ITS AID TO OMAN.
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